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#### Took Out Own Appendix

Brisbane, Jan. 14.- A soldier who took his own appendix out with the aid of a mirror and an ordinary knife, received the Military Cross and Bar at an investiture here today.

He is Captain Robert Kerr McLaren, a 50-year-old Scottish born veterinary surgeon from Bundaborg, Queensland. Captain McLaren said: "I

know I had appendicitis and would die unless I did something. I used a mirror and an ordinary knife for the operation -it was hell. But I came out all right and used jungle fibro to stitch the wound."

He performed the operation in Mindanao, in the Philippines, in August 1944.-Reuter.

### **GUERILLAS** REPULSED

#### Arakhova Defenders Hold Out

Athens, Jan. 15.—Defenders of Arakhova withstood five assaults by 500 guerillas on Wednesday in the battle for the town now in its second day. press reports said at noon.

Arakhova is only 20 miles from where the Greek Army started

Tuesday. The Greek Air Force strated the attackers and dropped ammunition

from three sides. the town for soveral hours, due, it quickly growing Arab force uttackis believed, to damage to the town's ling the Jewish settlements.

three platoons of gendarmerle and police from reaching the settle-40 armed civilians comprise the ments. town's defenders.

the Greek army to withdraw from automatic rifle fire and cutting the Machinegun fire could be heard. advanced positions near the Albanian settlement's telephone lines. frontier. Skirmishing continued, the reports said.—Associated Press.

#### TRAIN DISASTER

trains on the Transcontinental line racing along the roads from crashed into each other about 400 Bethlehem and Hebron, as well kilometres northwest of Quebec City from the West, in cars and lorries early today.—Reuter.

Wife Slain Terrorists

# SETTLEMENTS

Jerusalem, Jan. 14.—A British civilian, Mr Thomas Berry, employed by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and his Jewish wife, the daughter of a Tel-Aviv judge, were shot and killed early today outside the headquarters of the British Second Infantry Brigade. The assailants ambushed the couple from cover out of sight of the sentries guarding the headquarters, the police stated.

A British army officer searching a new commercial centre in Jerusalem today for a Jewish woman, reported to have been taken away by Arabs, found her lying in an alley with three bullets in her head. Troops cordoned off the area and conducted a search but no trace was found of the woman's attackers.

A British soldier was shot and wounded by Arabs in the Majdal area, in southern Palestine yesterday, army reports stated.

armoured cars today answered more hundreds of Arabs were engaged in calls for help from two isolated the fighting. Jewish settlements on the Jerusalemshore of the Gulf of Corinth on of Arabs had launched heavy dawn relieve the threatened Jews.

No contact has been possible with from the Hebron Hills to join the Consul-General's relatives.

The Arabs barricaded the roads and civilian clothes. Three national guard companies, and laid down mines to prevent the

#### COUNTER-FIRE

The Jews laid down heavy counter-fire and the battle develop-Quebec City, Jan. 14 .- Five people ed with the arrival of Arab re-, to join the Arab battle groups.

#### EDITORIAL

#### So Much For Public Opinion

TO ADIO, listeners will derive cold comfort from the Postmaster-General's statement on future broadcasting plans which he made at a press conference this week. The only conclusion to be reached is that no plans exist; that any locas of expansion have been shelved. ZBW and ZEK, operating on a couple of kilowaits are to remain third and even fourth rate stations-shameful examples of the narrow conceptions which so persistently motivate official policy. Presumably it was only because questions on the subject were submitted that any reference at all was made to liongkong's radio stations. The answers in effect were: a new transmitter is desired, but there are no funds available, and that in any event delivery will take two years; consideration is being given to the employment of women announcers, but as it is not the policy of the BBC to engage a great number of women aunouncers, well..... a new Studio has been requested, but this is tied up with the general question of housing government departments, and of course it will cost money. .... the subject of Introducing . commercial . broadcasts, especially in Chinese programmes, is now being considered, and in due course a decision will be made. It was also indicated that the functions of the Broadcasting Advisory Committee are to act in a consultative and advisory capacity to the Postmaster-General so that he be kept informed as to public ideas and wishes connected with broadcasting generally. The plous hope is expressed that the Advisory Committee's recommendations are acted upon with somewhat more readiness than the substantial expression of public opinion contained in last year's ZBW survey. conducted by this paper. The general conclusions of that poll are worth recalling. They were

(1) the majority of ZBW listeners would like hours of transmission extended to include a morning session (2) both announcing and presentation of programmes needed improving (3) more and more popular request programmes were demanded (4) available to ZBW for improving its programmes. was public opinion five mouths ago and to meet these wishes ZBW has increased daily transmissions by half an hour four days of the week and by two and a half hours on Sunday, but the suggestion of an early morning session has, apparently, been brushed aside; request programmes have been increased by one; announcing and presentation remain on the same indifferent level; far from more funds being made available for ZBW, it has to be inferred from the PMG's statement this week that the Treasury is inclined to be more niggardly than ever. In the light of this studied disdain for public wishes it can only be assumed that those who control policy and finance regard radio stations in ling. any consideration, become even a | sources claimed. buying radio sets and paying \$12 | unable to confirm or deny them .-a year for a receiver's licence, | Reuter. that does not entitle them to expect first-class radio entertainin order to be able to provide | their way to the Holy Land. will take ablice of public opinion.

When might do this but reluctant—

They might do this but reluctant—

The arrested men were charged for south of sale prices of coal, fuel cit, gasoline and all petroleum products. He said prospective US\$47,500,000,000,000 budget rocks, earth and torrents of water.

Meanwhile, British police in Arab reports suggested that many

The police came under rifle fire mopping up operations with an liebron Road in south Palestine where from hill positions as they tried to amphiblous landing on the Northern Jewish sources reported a large source fight through the Arab cordons to

Unknown gunmen ambushed car flying the flag of the Iraqi Strong bands of Arabs brandishing | Consul-General on the Jerusalemand supplies to the defenders of rifles, knives and an assortment of Hebron Road and seriously wounded Arakhova, which is being attacked other weapons, rushed from mountain the chauffeur and two women ocvillage strongholds and swept down cupants of the car-said to be the

> According to one of the wounded, the attackers were army uniforms

#### JERUSALEM EXPLOSIONS Five explosions shook Jerusalem

The attacks began with a force tonight. They were attributed to In Northwest Greece, guerilla of 20 or 30 Arabs raking one of the Jewish mortar barrage on the Arab pressure is reported to have forced four grouped settlements with Sheikh Jarrah quarter by Haganah that some 12 to 15 shells fell on can make me end it." roofs of Arab houses as passersby scattered for shelter.

> Border-land battles between the Arabs and a four-year old child.

Two members of the Higher Executive and the District Commissioner of the British police drove of united India," said Mr Gandhi. to the Jewish settlements near Hebron, south of Jerusalem, earlier of death. If the Hindus, Moslems today to halt Arab attacks on the and Sikhs and others achieve real. isolated settlements.

An army spokesman said the officials had driven to the fighting area, 30 kilometres south of Jerusalem. He added that British troops had not yet been called into action.

#### RED INDIAN TACTICS

The Arabs were reported to be using "Red Indian" tactics, encircling the settlements under cover of his prayer meeting today. more funds should be made from snipers while continuous machinegun fire came from the Jewish defenders lining the perimeter of the settlement defences.

> All consulates represented in Jerusalem have been granted formal permission by the Palestine Government to bring in troops from their countries for consular guard duties. it was learned tonight.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, Zionist re-

visionist terrorist organisation, tonight occused Haganah of kidit to stop.

letting Palestine become "a second if I dle."-Reuter.

Jewish sources here claimed tonight that up to 100 Arabs were killed when they were blown up on minefields, in attempting to smash into the Jewish settlements while another 300 were killed in the fight-

Hongkong as an unnecessary | The Arabs were pinhed on the luxury which must not, under | minefields by automatic fire, these

amail charge on general funds; Official Arab quarters denied these that if people will insist upon | claims and British sources were

#### NEW YORK ARRESTS

ment from the government New York, Jan. 14.—Federal studios. Perhaps one day these | Bureau of Investigation agents today gentlemen with such wide arrested four men over an attempt

the sort of radio service they. The charges are based on the Other low temperatures included gress, Secretary of the Interior Julius the Republicans oppose:

that it is most unlikely. | code in giving false statements re- dropped to below freezing. United it might be necessary to ration fuel surplus to reduce the national debt. Huts were buried in the debria. garding exports. Reuter.

# Evacuation Plan

I'm the Proprietor of

Lake Success, Jan. 14.—Great Britain prepared today to lay before the United Nations Palestine Commission an expanded and highly secret plan for pulling out from Palestine.

The Commission, which will supervise the partition of the Holy Land, has agreed to a demand of the British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, that the detailed blueprint for transferring authority to the United Nations will be kept "strictly confidential." Betting a pace beyond expectations, the five-nation group is

ready to follow up the Cadogan hearing by calling Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Jewish Agency, on Thursday or Friday, Without waiting to learn the latest British programme, the Philippines delegate, Mr Vincente J. Francisco, faces up to the main problem by preparing to introduce a proposal designed to prod the Security Council into considering immediately the necessity of an international police force to back the partition.-United Press.

## Russia Seen As Big Naval Power

#### AIMS TO BUILD SUBSTANTIAL MERCANTILE MARINE

Washington, Jan. 14.—Lieut P. W. Rairden, Jr, of the United States Navy, today asserted that the United States "must face the prospect of great Soviet sea power in the future," with a large Red Navy fleet "based in the Port Arthur-Vladivostok-Petropavlovsk area" of the Far East.

## Mob Violence Is Answer Io Gandhi's Fast

New Delhi, Jan. 14.—Mob violence broke out here and dispatches reported the slaughter of 1,300 Hindus and Sikhs Pakistan as Mohandas Gandhi entered the second day of his "fast unto death" in protest against Hindu-Moslem enmity.

From his bed on the terrace of his villa, Mr Gandhi told those at | East Indies and Indonesia. Observers on Mount Scopus over- his prayer - meeting today: "God | "A Viet Nam victory in Indolooking the attacked quarter said made me start my fast and He alone China would give the Soviets access

killed when the east and west bound inforcements when were said to be twin cities of Tel-Aviv and Jaffa, said he was receiving appeals by Indonesian Republic might he dison the Palestine coast, killed four cablegram from abroad urging him posed to deal with Moscow." to end his fast, but that he must persist in it.

> "I remember my boyhood dream "Now I am an old man on the brink lasting unity, my heart will dance." -United Press.

#### DEFIES DOCTORS

New Delhi, Jan. 14.-Mahatma Gandhi, the spiritual leader of India's millions, 30 hours after his last meal, disregarded his doctor's advice and in a hourse whisper, spoke to un yesterday afternoon as the economic to meet additional annual charges nudience of 500 people who attended police continued their drive to from their earnings of dollars even

On the second day of his fast, to bring about the unity of Hindus and were two Russian emigrants and a serving the spirit of free Moslems, there was no sign of any Syrian merchant. change in the condition of the Meanwhile, police circles said United States and European Govern-Mahatma, except that he did not that 12 Chinese, arrested last week ments," Mr Snyder urged that there walk so briskly and his voice was on charges of illegal gold and should be a minimum of dictation quieter than usual.

"The day is not far off when I trial tomorrow. shall not have enough strength to speak or move," he said.

"Although the doctors advised me napping Irgun members and warned not to attend this meeting, I am not in the doctors' hands but in the It also gave warning against hands of God. I do not care even

# Cold Wave Hits

Chicago. Jan. 14.—The winter's most severe cold wave today chilled The President sent to Congress at Senator Robert Taft, Chairman of residents in a wide belt from the 130-page conomic report bristling the Congressional Committee on Rocky Mountains to the Appala- with warnings of inflation and a the economic report, declined com- notification that the Chinese Air chians, and in International Falls, serious business slump. It reported ment on Mr Truman's message. Minnesota,—where residents are the U.S. was at a "high level of Mr Truman reportedly told De- rescue plane Saint Paul to land at suffering a fuel o oil shortage—the prosperity." It forecast "another mocratic Congressmen he wants Lnohokow, adding that we would mercury fell to 30 degrees below year of splendid achievement." But partial restoration of the wartime not dare to land until permission is zero (Fahr).

Sub-zero temperatures were re- has already caused serious hardship individual income taxes. horizons, will consider asking to ship TNT to Palestine and war- ported in many other communities and presents grave concern for the In his message President Truman listeners if they are willing to rants were issued for the arrest of in the North Central States, where future." pay a little more in licence fees | two other men believed to be on the shortage of fuel oil complicated the problem of keeping warm.

Press.

Writing in the quasi-official magazine United States Naval Institute Proceedings, Lt Rairden pre- repay in dollars."

"Russia's mercantile ambitions in the Pacific and the planned growth of the Siberian fisheries and Petropavlovsk terminal of Northeast passage must be added to other factors calling for naval expansion in the Pacific."

He said the largest Russian flect to undoubtedly would be based in the abroad. Black Sea as "Russia"; once again point of size.

#### TRADE EXPECTATIONS

Lt Rairden saw Soviet designs on trade with India, the Netherlands

to that trade and the Russians hope to enter the Indian market as soon as He said he was becoming so weak the British pull out," he wrote. "How that he might not be able to speak that will affect the Dutch in the to his followers tomorrow. He also East Indies no man knows, but the

> He then pointed out that the Soviet goal for the end of the present Five-Year Plan was a merchant marine twice the pre-war size and "that means about 3,000,000 gross tons of Russian merchant shipping on the high seas by 1950."-United Press.

#### DRIVE AGAINST BLACKMARKET

Shanghai, Jan. 15 .- Three foreig- tries were on a loan basis it would ners were among six persons arrested be practically impossible for them eliminate blackmarket transactions

in gold and foreign currencies. The foreigners taken into custody | Emphasising the necessity of "prc-

foreign currency dealings, will be to the Marshall Plan's recipient nu-

firm.—Reuter.

Truman Warns Congress

Congress it must have standby price control, rationing and

other strong anti-inflation powers or take responsibility for

a possible "destructive" slump. Congressional Democrats

followed through by introducing legislation to provide the

US\$40 "cost of living" income tax cut which Truman asked

it reported this seeming well-being excess profits tax to make up for

for every income taxpayer and dependant.

Washington, Jan. 14 .- President Harry Truman told

## SNYDER MAKES NEW PLEA Washington, Jan. 14.-Mr John Snyder, the

Under-Secretary for the Treasury, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that he was opposed to requiring the 16 European nations receiving aid under the Marshall Plan to use their dollar holdings in the United States to help pay for European recovery.

Mr Snyder said it would be folly to force them to do so as the citizens of these countries, he said, had about \$4,800,000,000 in dollar assets on June 30:

last year.

He added that it would be difficult to get the cash readily on most of these assets as some were already pledged for loans; that the Europeans needed the funds to cover their normal trade and financial operations, and that their holdings already were below a "safe" amount needed to keep their own currencies steady.

Mr Snyder explaining the financial manner in which they should be aspects of the Marshall Plan for ! taken," he said. European recovery in a testimony | After stating that assistance to calling on Congress to approve it Western Europe should be provided in the form and the amount laid as a combination of grants in aid and down by President Truman, also loans, Mr Snyder said: "The criterion said that (1) Part of the United for selecting one or the other form States' money should be provided as should be the capacity of recipient grants in aid and part in loans, countries to carn in the years to come The amount required to be repaid the dollars which would be needed should be held down to the to pay the interest on capital. We "borrowing country's capacity to should take care not to insist that

#### DOLLARS GUARANTEE

dollar carnings in such a degree as (2) Five percent of the pro- to operate to the disadvantage of gramme funds should be set aside future trade and private investment," to guarantee private American he said .- Reuter. firms United States dollars in exchange for the foreign currencies they earn through investment in those countries, the purpose being On The China Front attract private investment

(3) Congress should permit the blds strongly for control of the United States aid money to be Dardanelles," but the second largest spent on buying goods in ... short. would be on the Pacific Coast, with supply for the Marshall Plan counthe Soviet northern fleet along the tries in Canada, Latin America and "Murmansk Run" and the Baltic sea elsewhere, or to be spent in one fleet in third and fourth positions in | Marshall Plan country to buy goods for another one.

(4) Separate agreements will be required from each beneficiary country assuring that steps will be taken to steady its currency. This would be done through a balanced hudget, tax law changes, and at the proper time by devaluing inflated currencles to a point in line with southwest of Peiping, which their true buying power.

(5) Each beneficiary country will main Communist forces in also be required to set aside local currency in an amount equal to the dollar grants in aid given by the the Peining-Paoting area, United States and use it for the reduction of its public debt unless the United States authorise use for reconstruction or development pur-

The United States should lend gold and dollars later, possibly this year and probably the next, furnish the European countries with hard money reserves to bolster the value of their own paper money and

#### keep it steady. FREE CO-OPERATION

"If entire aid for European counafter trade and investments return to normal." he said.

friendly co-operation between the handed to the district court for tions in financial aspects of the plan. "I am sure this country does not The arrested Syrian is said to be wish to dictate to these friendly the owner of an import and export countries either the particular measures they should take or the exact

widened the breach between himself

#### Chuangling near Laishui and drove the Reds to the mountains westward. The spokesman said the Communists suffered heavy casualties.—United

EVACUATION URGED Hankow, Jan. 14.—All. American missionaries in the Yangtze valley. region were urged to leave today as fighting broke out near Lachokow, endangering the air evacuation

these countries 'contract' additional

dollar debts which will absorb their

Big Victory

Claimed By

Nationalists

Peining, Jan. 14.—A spokes-

man of Gen. Fu Tso-yi's head-

quarters claimed today a major

victory in the three-day battle

was said to have crippled the

Hopei, thus lifting the threat to

He said that both sides used main

forces in the battle for Laishui, 45

miles southwest of Peiping. Once

the Reds broke into a section of

Laishui but were driven out by rein-

forcements. The Nationalist rein-

forcements reached Pelyan and

planned for tomorrow. The American Consul, Mr Leonard Nelson, was said to have asked the missionaries to make immediate use of evacuation facilities. He said that some refused and insisted on staying at their posts, although the majority will take advantage of the air rescue.

One group of 25 was evacuated from Chengchow, 38 miles north of Hankow, bringing the total of persons evacuated by air from Hupeh and Honon provinces in the last two weeks to 125.

A rescue, plane, flew back to Chengchow for a second load today. planning to return to Hankow before making a trip to Lachekow.

'Fighting between the Nationalists und raiders of Communist Llu. Pochen flared today at Tenghsien, 40 miles northeast of Lachokaw. Mr Daniel Nelson, chairman of

the Lutheran World Federation in charge of the air evacuation programme, said he feared that the fighting will endanger the rescue work tomorrow. "Nelson said he did not receive any

Force has granted permission to the granted,"-United Press.

and the Republican Party on his in-Just as the message reached Con- sistent demand for two programmes | Dar-Es Salaam, Jan. 14,-A landslide killed 21 Africans. seriously want. And perhaps, too, they scizure on January 3, of 30 crates of 25 below zero at Pembina, North Krug testified before the Senate 1-Enactment of Truman's 10 injured 15 others and destroyed the might feel inclined to give some TNT listed with the United States Dakota, 22 below at Duluth, Min- Banking Committee that if price point anti-inflation programme, in- homes of 21 more on the main assurances that in future they | Customs as containing "used in nesota, and 20 below at Alexandria, control authority is granted he will cluding authority to control prices Kilosa-Ifakara Road in Tanganyika

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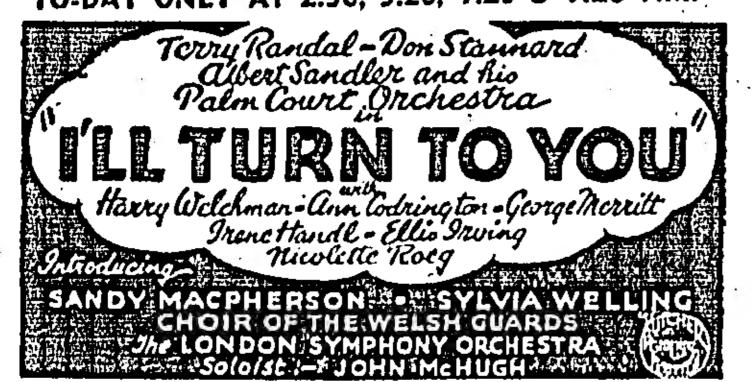


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"Couldn't you do it in the kitchen, dear?. I've just had this carpet cleaned!"

• A well-known former London magistrate on why there are so many

# DANGEROUS MARRAGES

marriage failures "forced" marriages, : rash marriages, absence of homes, the absence of fathers; and the

When a young woman has, or is about to have, an "illegitiz mate" child, great pressure on both her and the father often sometimes from his, with the dren that follow. object of securing marriage.

These "forced" marriages are dangerous. They can, of course, be successful, but only often they end in failure. Those who press for such marriages usually believe that this is the

two tins of bully and 100 lire.

with equal poise.

MONG the lesser causes of only way in which the parents are can become "respectable." But respectability comes rather from efforts to do the best for the child. Therefore these marriages should not take place unless it is likely that the child will have a normal home, both parents doing their comes from her parents, and for the child and for the chil-

#### Public money 'irresistible'

↑ MONG 'the causes of rash marriages war conditions are prominent. 'Often the short notice of service oversens led to homes had disastrous effects. If marriages which, if delayed a placed a strain on both husband and few months, might never have wife which, I fully agree, should have taken place. With some men been bearable. But those of an the fact that a wife would be heroic mould are comparatively few. maintained from public funds proved irresistible.

of the King's Dragoon Guards: Iris, were under 21 years of age; significant that the volume of juvenile when parents will not give per- crime leapt up when war took so course; Araldo, who once belonged mission to marry, application to ex-king Victor Emmanuel; and can be made to a Magistrate's Rose, bought from an old Italian Court for permission. Many woman for two packets of biscuits, times, after hearing these applications, I came to the con- COME recent remarks of mine about There are several geese, led by clusion that the underlying the effect of the cinema on mar-Bizeria Charlie, who was 100 per- urge to marry was the fact that riage were widely reported: What is cent for the war effort, insisting public funds would maintain wrong in so many films is not that throughout hostilities on a diet of the wives. No thought had they are glamorous, but that they dry bread and cabbage, and even been given to ability to support encourage the belief that glamour is changing sex and laying eggs. One a wife after the war. One can- the main feature of marriage. black hen, Sarah, exchanged for an old pair of trousers in North Africa. not blame these men, for con-And Freddle the duck, who accom- ditions were utterly abnormal.

panied 80th Scottish Horse up the zards, shelling and senior officers allotments to soldier's wives had most important. Glamour cannot been given only after an engage- last indefinitely. If its value is Some of the members are even more unconventional. There is divorces for large numbers of war- those qualities of comradeship, mutual divorces for large numbers of war- those qualities of comradeship, mutual divorces for large numbers of war- respect, common interests and sense. General Hospital BAOR. Crissida have been treatined in the sense of duty that are the continual that the continual of duty that are the continual that the continual of duty that are the continual that the continual of duty that are the continual that the continual of duty that are the continual that the continual of duty that are the continual that the continual ment of a minimum period. General Hospital BAOR. Crissida have been justified in laying down the kestrel falcon who went into conditions upon which alone wives German captivity with her Sherwood would be maintained out of public Foresters' owner and is now one of funds. the odder sights of Chelsen; Nellie!

#### Living with the 'in-laws'

bomber was not over Germany, patrolling, and detecting casualties who succeeded a reindeer as mascot A rash marriages would have been believe that many divorces can be his dinner was brought as under the debris of our bombed of HMS Exmoor—A black-headed units for the Forces

bear Joey-both in the Regents' Park help had been available during the Zoo now; And Charles the Monk, war, many unduly rash marriages Many of those who seek separation

## by CLAUD MULLINS

The absence of homes for young married people is often tragic in its best effects. Some couples succeed well in life with the parents of one, of them. But these are the exceptions. When listening to applications for separation I have over and over ngain come to the conclusion that the parties would have been able to avoid their quarrels and difficulties if they had had a home of their own.

> The enforced, but unavoidable, absence of husbands, in so many

Plenty of children suffered severely from the absence of their fathers. Psychology teaches that a father I saw some such men who stands for law and order. It is many fathers away from their homes.

#### Can divorces be prevented?

The prolonged kisses of the cinema are all very well, but they are not It would have been better if the features of marriage that are the The exaggerated, there is a danger that make marriages permanent.

In January last the Denning Committee recommended State help for Marriage Guidance Centres and soon afterwards the Lord Chancellor stated that this recommendation was accepted by the Government. Since then the Home Office has been workalthough these centres raise much

#### STRANGEST CLUB Among the horses are several ex-Italian, naturalised British mounts the daughter of Derby winner Donatello II, found on Naples race-MUDGE is a black re-danger and victory. But those who

World War II, he and his mas- lonely job, how they become part, ter, Flight Lieutenant. H. L. and an important part of their units, Mackay, D.F.C., former midup- sharing hardship and relaxation, will per gunner of a heavy bomber, be delighted to find in this narrative were stationed at Pocklington a permanent record their lovable airdrome, Yorkshire.

Smudge always knew when love of animals. (ii. his master was going out on collect flying boots and kit. When the time came to say goodbye, he would lick his master's hand and go quietly to the window, from which, pressing his nose against the pane, he watched him walk out of

It was Smudge's custom to dine at 8 o'clock prompt. It was a date he never missed and he was most punctilious about fields, carrying messages and Red Quanto, who was paperweight ing a discressing, mournius
noise.—Finally, after jumping Among these is Judy, a pointer notorious throughout CMF for his might have been prevented. For or divorce could with help find a lignorance of the essentials of marriage better results of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of marriage better results and the season of the essentials of the season of the essentials and the season of the essentials are results and the season of the essentials are results and the season of the essentials are results. walking round the room, mak- Royalty. noise. Finally, after jumping Among these is Judy, a pointed continuous defiance of authority. Ignorance of the essentials of marriage better way out of their difficulties at the window, he lay down bitch, whom the Japanese registered continuous defiance of authority. his plate. -

#### Caught Fire

they were extinguished.

And from the log book it was established that the dog's anxiety aircraft was on fire.

canny intuition of animals are to be to travel by underground; the North found in Dorothea St. Hill Bourne's Somerset Yeomany's Nablus-born her assistance is getting their pets Family comment "They Also Serve" (Winchester Yeo-Yeo; and the US 8th Air Force's repatriated and over the quarantine Publications of the Comment of the Comme Publications, 15 shillings, 83 illustrations), which tells the story of the mask. The goat section includes was against them. strangest" club in the world, the the Highland Division's Willie, wno World War II.

triever with a white remember the companionship and shirt front and white amusement these pets gave to men At one time during and women doing a tough and often personalities as well as a deserved tribute to the British Serviceman's

The company in this Club and "ops." He would lie on the in this book is varied—to put it floor, sorrowfully watching him mildly. Some members accomplished deeds of heroism, guarding air-

# LOVEGROVE

the time. One night, while the Cross supplies, locating buried mines, champion of CMF, and Muncher, A NOTHER way of preventing ing out a practical plan. Those who usual, and he waded into it cities; they received decorations; had sea-gull; Tawny Pai the jackal, who with his customary enthusiasm. their share of the limelight in Press served with Force 136; Two bears— A great work is now being done by money from those whom they help Suddenly he stopped dead, and on radio; appeared in Victory Vicki the Himalayan who is fond Marriage Guidance Councils to help and those who appreciate their work, looked at the door, and began parades; were even presented to of look been and the Chindits' sloth couples intending marriage. If such they cannot be fully self-supporting,

in a corner and put his head officially as P.O.W. No. 81 Medan; under his paws, leaving the re- Rob, the 2nd S.A.S. Regt.'s paratroop mainder of his dinner uneaten. collie, who jumped many times into CMALLEST member is Gnup, a tectors in the Army; Punch the ston Churchill's Rota. boxer, who fought terrorists in Only Miss St. Hill Bourne could TRUSTRATIONIST poetry is December 17, 1904, should be kept Brigade in Italy.

has corresponded with the time the on the Club's books. But there are Several such examples of the un- probably the only one of his kind hostilities, and many Servicemen as the last victory of a neo-quietist Lady Moe, who had her own oxygen

#### Smallest Member

the mongoose, who was bought for

five rupees in Calcutta; several

rabbits, the best known being

Twenty minutes later, he jump- enemy territory; Rifleman Khan the SEAC RASC unit's Indian ed up; shook himself, barked, Alsatian, who saved his handler's mole rat, and the largest and ed up; shook himself, barked, Alsatian, who saved his handler's most impressive is Mareth, a wagged his tail and cleaned up life under heavy shellfire at the Canadian squadron's lion mascot, Walcheren crossing; sheepdog Ricky, who' also lives in London's Zoo now, i one of the best human mine de- in the next cage to his father, Win-

WHEN his master returned, Jerusalem; Bob, the 6th Bn. Royal have written this book, rich in technically ideological only as a day of mourning will seem to When his master returned, Jerusalem; Bod, the our billion, the following human interest. Smudge gave him a rap- West Kent's gallant patrol collie; humour, drama and human interest. As Secretary of the Club, she has turous welcome. In the mess, Jet and Irma, who did wonders in had access to material most of which experience by suppressing that day the flying machine made its Mackay related the incidents of the Blitz; homing pigeen heroes of has not hitherto been published. punctuation, as M. Aragon does. first flight in North Carolina, and the night: how on the run over real life spy thrillers such as Kenley But she has been much more than It also follows Tubelfork in sup-everybody knows how progressive Dusseldorf the aircraft had Lass, Maquis and Commando; a a mere compiler of card indices. pressing emotion, Barmi in suppress- the world has become since then, and been hit and caught fire, and veteran of Arnhem, William of constant touch with the mombars, Eller leading to the last been in the suppressence with the mombars, Eller leading to the suppressence with the mombars and the suppressence with the mombars, Eller leading to the suppressence with the mombars and the suppressence with the mombars and the suppressence with the mombars and the suppressence with the for 20 minutes the crew had Orange; and the American G. I. constant touch with the included one reads one is conscious of an screbody said the other day, "The battled with the flames before Joe, who saved the lives of hun- them in a correspondence which enormous vitality controlled by a ne plane is only in its infancy," dreds of men of the 169th Infantry grew snowball-fashion and which in dynamic discipline based on in- which means, look out for 12-engined. its own way has been a precious discipline. One seems to glimpse robot monsters, jet-propelled, travellink between the Home Front and the entrails of the world under a ling as fast as light, and able to Dogs and birds are in the majority the lads overseas.

have had reason to be grateful for evolution,

Allied Forces Mascot Club, member- joined up at Tobruk and travelled to communicate her tremendous zest whoever else in town halls when I T THOUGHT someone would write ship of which is limited to Service everywhere (and not always legally) and love of animals, and it will re- was young. I do so think the L to tell me that the statue of St. animals and mascots of the fighting with the 51st; Group Captain Billy, main, as Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mayor should be more reticent about Joan is not in front of the hotel at forces and civil defence units of who had his own allt trench luxu- Mounteyans remarks in his intro- his feelings?" Mr. Slopcorner said: Chinon. For people who go to rlously carpeted with straw; and duction, "a live memorial to the "It's a close thing who's the daftest, Chinon stay at the excellent Boule Lewis, who made a brave sight in animals who were companions in our girl or this Mayor." Smudge, like many of the other full parade order with his polished adversity of our fighting forces and 3,000 members, may seem to have hoofs and gilded horns at the Bri- the great civilian community who A reactionary suggestion. But my hotel is the tiny little one in played an insignificant part in the tish Legion Festival at the Albert stood up so finely to the attacks I AM afraid the admirable suggest the Place Jeonne d'Arc, called the long days of peril and defeat, of Hall.

of a brutal enemy."

AM afraid the admirable suggest the Place Jeonne d'Arc, called the tion by a fellow-back that Lion d'Or, which is simple and quiet.

#### THE WAY by Beachcomber

microscope, which is what Schapigo carry enough dynamite to wipe out meant by unravelling the skeins of one city every three minutes. also donkeys—such as Founder Her energy and enthusiasm did being. Filper goes further. He an- Epitaph Member, won in a darts match and not abate with the termination of not about the design of the land and not abate with the termination of not about the darks match and not abate with the termination of not about the darks and not abate with the termination of not about the darks are the same and not abate with the termination of not about the darks are the same and not abate with the termination of not about the darks are the same and not abate with the termination of not about the darks are the same and not abate with the termination of not about the darks are the same and the same are the same and the same are the same and the same are t

hurdles when the luck of the ballot MARS. SLOPCORNER said the Ma other day: "I always do say nobody ever put girls' photos be- In passing In "They Also Serve," she manages tween Buzmark at Waterloo and

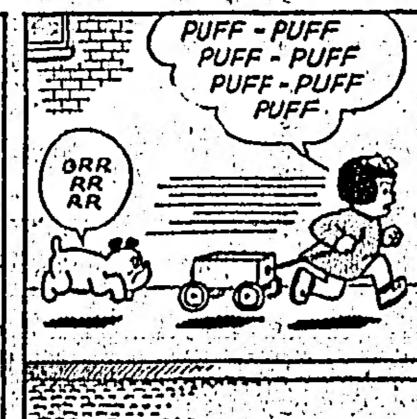
Here lies an infant centipede. Who for compassion begs: · He fell downstairs in his father's

And broke his hundred legs.

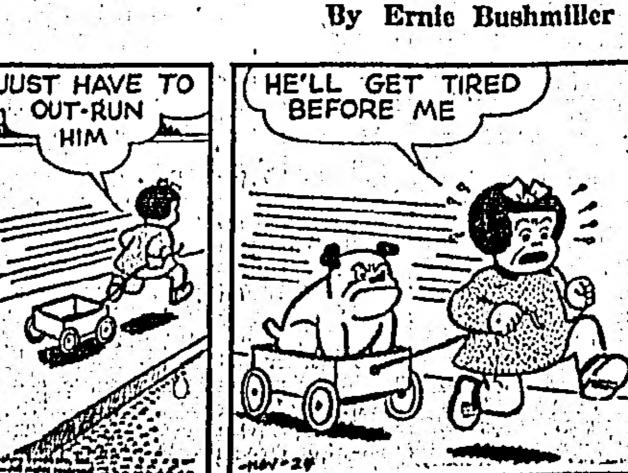
d'Or, or perhaps at the Hotel de France, at both of which is a garage.

Wanna Bet? **NANCY** 











## HOW A HOLLYWOOD STAR IS BORN \*

after O'Connelli He and others also fall into the

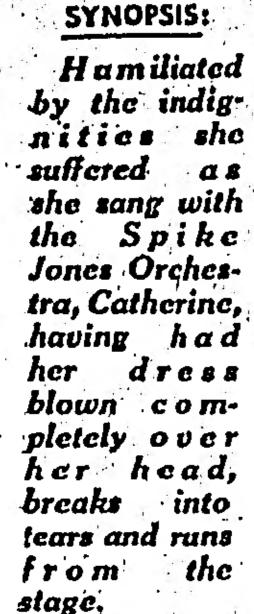
scheduled for the next day! After having plunged

the studio head into his swimming pool, does any-

one think she can ever get into the studio again?

And what about the audition Catherine had-

pool, clothes and ducks and sauce and alli





Kirbs tries in vain to stop Catherine as she runs

away. Confronting Mr O'Connell at the edge of his

swimming pool. Catherine shoves him into the

water. Billy De Wolfe, more than slightly intoxicat-

ed from sipping his overly "spiked" sauce, chases







There is a great splashing around in the pool as Catherine runs away from the party. Even Director George Marshall dives into the water. So It's not only the actors who get their clothes soaked, but Marshall as well. (To be continued tomorrow):

By LOIS LEEDS



· Posed for Lois Leeds

Lois Leeds tells you how to minimise a large mouth.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS" old. Should I wear a black dress for all dressup occasions? I am tall, fair and medium height.-S. J." No, by no means! Soft pastels or deep winey shades are perfect for your "dressy" outfits.



It is smart to learn to combine your outfits and you will spend less time wondering what to wear and your budget will produce more attractive clothes. Don't just buy a pretty blouse until you know it will go with the rest of your wards be. Don't be intrigued by a Green hat unless Green is becoming to you and will go with your suit,

SIDE GLANCES

"Dear Lois Leeds-I have a very "Dear Lois Leeds—I am 51 years or a dark lipstick?—TILLY." Choose a natural Red lipstick and Oxford Music Room outline your mouth exactly, then deepen it a little in the centre. Keep your teeth gleaming!

> "Dear Lois Leeds-Please give derriere.'—SUE."

floor bend forward until elbows University Musical Club. It will be touch the floor, hands on opposite used regularly in future for chamber forearms. Raise one leg upward as music recitals. knees. Do this several times with each leg.

do the bievele exercise without blevele?-NELL I."

on the floor. Raise legs straight up with hands on your waist, clbows on floor, for support. Move the legs just as though you were riding bleycle. With a little practise you can do this quite a number of times.

"Dear Lois Leeds-I have a dry, fine skin. Its very wrinkled although I do all I can. My husband thinks that I should dye my halr which is almost white. I am 60. I say wrinkles will show up even more. Am I right?-MRS X. Y. Z."

You are right. Why not use one of the new creams for aging skins, plus n cream foundation? You could try a colour rinse just to give a soft colour tint to your hnir.

"Dear Lois Leeds-Is there such a perfume as honeysuckle?-MAE.' Yes, you can find it but it is not so popular. Perhaps It's too nalve!

KAIT

By Galbraith

# World May Know This Year If Life Exists

Scientists reaching into the unprobed depths of space through use of the great new 200-inch telescope in Mount Palomar Observatory, California, may learn during 1948 whether life exists on Mars or Venus and whether space is curved.

scientific news of the coming

Service, 'believes' 'the greatest astronomical interest will be in photographs to be taken of distant stars in remote galaxies. They will tell whether the unsampled remote Davis that scientists will try to shoot regions of the universe are like the part we live in.

These photographs may show that space is curved, as Albert Einstein believes. Or they may show that it goes straight on and on.

## In The News

Oxford University came into the me' a good exercise to reduce my news recently when what is known as the Music Room began a career In a kneeling position on the once again as the home of the

It is the oldest music room in next to this music room when he about transmutation, nuclear re-Bleycle exercise. Lie on your back was Professor of Music at Oxford arrangements and possibly release of and bequeathed his library to it.

> for the records belonging to the practical importance to be discovered University Gramophone Society.

#### Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the three kinds of light-

What is a veldt? Where is Mt Everest, the highest mountain in the world? 4. How are goods transported in 5. How is a nectarine distin-

guished from a peach? 6. Name the countries that participated in the Crimean war. (Answers on Page 4)

Discoveries expected when now. The giant eye may also the world's largest telescope is penetrate the permanent cloud around venus. Present information suggests that part of Venus day be habitable.

Science Service has listed 1 likely developments in science during Watson Davis, director of Science 1948. The Mount Palomar observations heads the list.

#### Rockets To The Moon

small rocket to the moon. Its arrival would be signalled to earth by a flash on the moon's surface. Rocket scientists already are talking seriously of problems involved in shooting rockets to Mars and Venus. Professor James. R. Randolph, writ-Close-up views of Mars may show lng in the Journal of the American whether life has ever existed on that Rocket Society, even mentions the planet. Some scientists believe a ultimate possibility of shooting by WILLIAM E. McKENNEY civilisation actually flourishes there permanent human colonies to Mars and possibly Venus. These colonies, he believes, then could build rockets; for return trips.

than on the moon. The moon is And of course there must be some-

A rocket must be given a velocity of nearly seven miles per second to get it clear of the earth.

#### Other Predictions

Other predictions by Davis for 1948, some of them of more practical value in everyday life, include: Europe. It was built specially for Beginning of the construction of a that purpose in 1748. Sir Hugh gigantic billion-electron-volt atom "Dear Lois Leeds—How does one Allen, the distinguished English smasher which should eventually establish a spade trick, so when musical academician, used the house duplicate cosmic radiation and bring

> latomic energy by new mechanism: There are lecture rooms and New fundamental knowledge in teaching rooms and accommodation biology and medicine of immediate

through use of radioisotopes from atomic piles; New discoveries of the remains of ancient man to be sought in Africa and North America. Scientists will

30,000 to 40,000 years ago; Flights of new jet planes and further development of guided missiles. Some of this knowledge will be kept secret for military purposes. Davis believes the range of n. V-2 rocket may be doubled to

Super conductivity—the extraordinary loss of electrical resistance at certain low temperatures by certain substances—to be explored further and possibly applied practically.

Rupert takes the two remaining

"I'll use those in the morn-

squibs that Bingo has given him and hides them carefully in his

ing he thinks. As soon as it is dark he joins his pals Bill and Algy and Podgy and Willie and the foxes and the rabbits on the common, and

they have a great time with the fire-works they have bought at the shop. As they build a fire of dry sticks

Rupert stops. "Look over there," he cries. "That glow in the sky.

someone has better fireworks than

beyond 200 miles;

Rupert and the Big Bang-17

## seek to push back the antiquity of men in the western hemisphere to

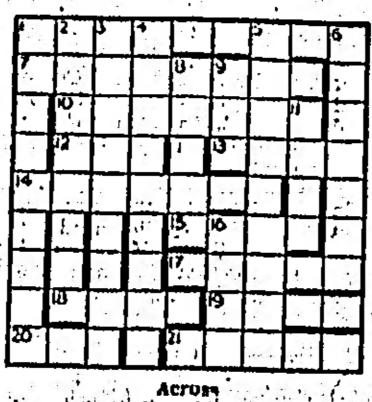
West 1 N. T. Pass 3 N. T. Pass Pass Opening—♥ J

West played low, declarer put on the nine from dummy. East won and came back with a heart, which South won with the ace. Another! small spade was played, again West played low and dummy's jack won. A small club was led and the tenspot finessed. West won and led another heart, knocking out dummy's king. Another club was led and

Now declarer cashed the acc of clubs and West was forced to make

Knowing now that another club lead would throw East In, South led the fourth club. East won with the king, but he had nothing to lead except a dlamond into dummy's

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and 6. A climatic potrol (anag.). 7. Echo always has done, but this is enough to even make Pete read.
(8) 10. Corrupt. 171

18. Seems it dock take two to make a fight. (4)

17. It could be unite. (6)

18. The first tone of the scale to a sallor gives you land between the Clauses and Jumnal (4).

19. Sort of tube one gets at the Oval? (4).

20. She's very sheltered, (3).

21. They can be made out of frost.

i. With which a potterman may beat his best (0)

2. Haven in the reed. (8)

3. Whent a woman has one she never stops talking about it. (0)

4. The gardener has every reason to hope it will appear next 5. It measures the weight of the air. (9)
5. Bee 1 Across.
5. Bhum; (5)
6. Bee 1 Across.
9. Do this to show you cared too much. (3)
11. Labour. (4) much. (3) 16. Preposition (4)

Ilolution of yesterday's pursule. Aeres:

1. Adventure: D. Scimitars: 11 Clear
12. Stay: 13. Tom Thumb 15 Direction: 19. Vist 20. Lodge 11. Seaturtle: 22. See 1 Down: 23. Set. Down:
1 and 22. As good as gold: 2. Victoria
2. Emit: A. Night-club: 6. Captive: 19
Tash: B. Art: U. Roam: 10. Sir: 14
Meat: 16 Tore: 17. Onfe: 18. Need.



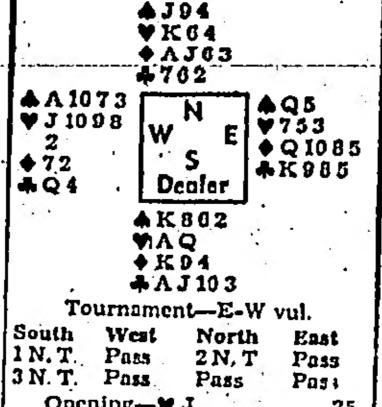
## • McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

'Pitch' Count Used By Some Players

MORE and more players are using the old "pitch" count for no trump. Instead of speaking of a count of three, and a half or He points out that landing humans four for a no trump, they now say by rocket on Mars would be easier they need a count of 16 to 19 or 20. thing in every suit.

> In today's hand South preferred to show his partner a strong hand rather than open with the weak spade sult.

The play of this hand was very interesting. South won the open-ing lead with the queen of hearts and pushed out a small spade. He had no better ambition than to



# the jack finessed

a discard.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By G. JOENSSON Black, 9 pieces.



White, 10 pleces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's

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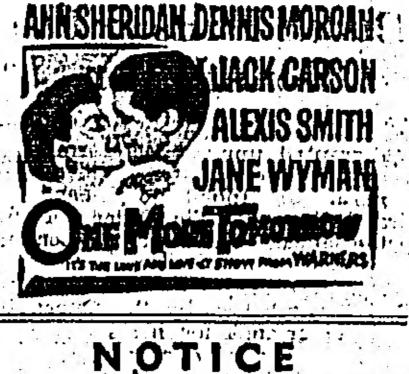
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13 Attached to fur it would be a problem: problem: 1. Kt-K4. T. . . P-QJ; 2, K-"Sure, I'm against long skirts If I were a woman no-body'd tell me how to dress!" 13 The mood to return for judg-ment. (4) 24. Bones enclosing the brain, (7) p.m. for the following day. B5;1...K×Kt:2,Kt-Q2 (dis.

# 8th ARMY COMMANDER! ON WAR DIFFICULTIES

London, Jan. 15.—General, now Field Marshal, Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Forces from 1940 to 1942, said that the conduct of the Eighth Army's desert battle with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's troops was "always handicapped" by "lack of knowledge of Soviet' capabilities and intentions" in a lengthy despatch published last night in the London Gazette.

#### SOR SISTERS

Shanghai, Jan. 14.—An elderly Shanghai lady, who refused to permit the use of her name, disclosed today that she telephoned her sister in the United States from whom she had been separated for 25 years.

She said that when her sister answered the telephone she began weeping, whereupon the Shanghai sister told her American dister to stop crying and start talking since it was costing CN\$3,000,000 a minute.

The Shanghai woman confessed she also broke down and both cried over the trans-Pacific phone for 11 minutes before sobbing goodbyes. — United Press.

## AMERICANS TO STAY PUT IN BERLIN

Jan. 14.—General Lucius Clay, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in Germany, said today that the American representatives would sit in Berlin, with "no fears and no nerves," regardless of what may happen.

Gen. Clay's statement was made in response · to a United Press request for clarification of the Amerihints that the Western Allies should get out.

The Commander made it plain position, regardless of what might place on Friday.

Lovett, Under-Secretary of State, declared today that the United States had no intention of withdrawing from Berlin despite apparently Russian-inspired editorials in German castern zone newspapers.

-"We-will-remain-in-Berlin-in-discharge of our obligations," he said. Mr. Lovett spoke in answer to a statement in a Soviet army newspaper in Berlin last Sunday which declared: "There is no room Berlin for adherents of the partition of Germany."-Reuter.

## Repayment Of Europe Aid

Washington, Jan. 14. - The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr John Snyder, said today that the United States must require repayment "in every practical way" of its Marshall Plan aid to Europe.

Mr Snyder told the Senate Foreign Relations, Committee that 20 to 40 percent of the proposed independence day amnesty. US\$0,800,000,000 in the first 15 months may be given to the 16 Western European nations as longterm loans.

As chairman of the National

granted as repayable loans. The Committee chairman, Senator Reuter. Arthur Vandenberg, told Mr Snyder that Congress found it "tremendously important" to get some idea of what the United States might recover.-United Press.

#### ITALIANS IN SOMALILAND

Foreign Ministry announced today Netherlands Lion, the London It has intervened with the British Government, both in London and Rome, asking that measures be taken to ensure the safety of Italians in the Netherlands for his services to

Somaliland. A Foreign Ministry spokesman Reuter. said the action was taken by the Italian Government as soon as it had learned of recent disorders in the former Italian colony, for which

Italy last week asked a mandate. The spokesman said that the before the inquiry commission that Strachey, announced today. sociated Press.

August 15, 1942. Japanese attack, also were given as reasons for the eventual retreat from Tobruk to El Alamein.

General Auchinicak revealed that | Later, Auchinicak said, the Eighth in May 1942, "apart from one opera- Army "acted . independently" capable of reaching Tripoli, nor some of the essential information. Benghazi by day."

He paid tribute to the Russians' their work with little friction," ha heroic stand at Stalingrad, "which added." stood between the Middle East and the gravest danger," but referred time and again to the difficulties encounthe Soviet military commanders.

1942 offset the loss of promised rewrote, "but not as regards the size of the forces which would eventually be required to garrison the whole command if the Germans should take the offensive once more and admitted. defeat the Russians.

Always Handicapped

Describing plans, to fight the because the enemy tanks mounted enemy in Northern Persla to protect bases and oil installations at

## PRICE HITCH IN LONDON TRADE TALKS

London, Jan. 14.—Bargaining tives had- full confidence in their circles earlier expected to take by advancing into India from the

of a country with immensurable the Danish delegation sees no opposition by sea, land or air to any strength. As such, we have no reason why an agreement on butter offensive fears and no nerves."-United Press. prices should not be reached but we expect talks will take the major Washington Statement
Washington, Jan. 14.—Mr Robert
Ovett, Under-Secretary of State, dependent. These include prices of the security of the essential supply

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> tion of the agreement." been postponed until tomorrow Libya. when Mr J. Vestbirk, the leader of "We should rather concentrate on the Danish delegation, and Mr Ellis strengthening our defences in the Rees, for the British delegation, will Middle East and spare all we could also discuss the possible date for a to reinforce India in the hope of plenary meeting to sum up results checking the Japanese advance beof the talks and prepare a skeleton fore it should be too late," he wrote.

trade agreement. Regarding the duration of a possible agreement, the British are understood to desire a three-year term, while the Danes would prefer an agreement covering a shorter period.—Reuter.

#### PRISONERS GIVE UP STRIKE

Rangoon, Jan. 14.—About 1,300 were extremely careful to avoid any prisoners at Rangoon Central Gaol today abandoned their four-day old sit-down strike in protest against "the inadequacy" of the Burmese

Ringleaders of the strike movement were moved to a prison outside' Rangoon.

More than 2,000 prisoners have been released since January 4 under Advisory Council, responsible for the independence day amnesty, launched their expected offensive foreign loan policy, Mr Snyder was while further releases are likely in Russia, and from that moment reluctant to give more specific esti- when a revisionary board, set up the danger, against which we were mates on what portion might be by the Government, submits its re- still so ill-prepared, steadily grew commendations, it was stated.—

#### **Dutch Honour For** Mountbatten

has granted unrestricted permission rapidly after this setback, and the to Earl Mountbatten, Governor- Eighth Army retreated to El General of India, to wear the Alamein until finally it "stopped the Rome, Jan. 15.—The Italian Grand Cross of the Order of the

Gazette announced today. The decoration was bestowed on Earl Mountbatten by the Queen of the Dutch navy during the war-

#### Bigger Fat Ration For Britons

London, Jan. 14.—Britain's fat Italian Government asked assurance ration will be increased from seven bo given Italians and Somalilanders to eight ounces weekly from February for free expression of their views 1. the Food Minister, Mr. John completed, exceeded all previous on tea produced in India and

recently arrived in Somaliland, and "This increase will be maintained ment official stated. also asked, that a rigorous investiga- during the next three difficult months tion be made into disorders at when the effects of indispensable cuts a record for the past ip years. Mogadiscio, where 42 Italians and in our food supplies from dollar 11 Somalilanders were reported killed sources already announced will be confident of being able to export British offer of two pence per pound skin of a nectarine is amounted will be and several gravely injured, As- particularly felt," Mr Strackey said, more than the estimated quota of

Auchinleck described the bit- the head of the Persian Gulf, it was ter Middle East military opera- necessary to explore and prepare tions from November 1, 1941 to the ground, the General said. Lack of adequate equipment us," he wrote. "Moreover, we had

for desert warfare, and the un- no information of their plans for the expected withdrawal of troops Caucasus. We asked that arrangeto the Far East to meet the ments be made without delay for us to co-operate with the Russians; but this seemed impossible, owing, apparently, to the Russian High Command's insistence on centralisation and great secrecy."

tion, there were no aircraft either in sent reconnaissance parties into Malta or the rest of the Middle East Northern Persia to procure at least were Baltimores yet capable to bomb "These parties established good relations with the Persians and did

#### Initial Successor

The despatch detailed the Eighth tered in attempting to co-operate with Army's initial successes in Eastern Cyrenaica which led to the des-"The successful Russian counter- truction of "over two-thirds of the offensive in the winter of 1941 to enemy forces in the area and the relief of the Tobruk garrison," then inforcements in point of time," he related the arrival of enemy reinforcements and the Eighth Army's retreat back to El Alameia

Learning to handle tanks in the desert "cost us dearly," Auchinleck

"In spite of the gallantry with which they fought, our armoured "We were always handleapped in troops were worsted in almost every our calculations, I may say, by lack encounter with the enemy - tanks, of knowledge of Soviet capabilities not only because they were comparatively inexperienced but also

guns of greater range. "Whenever our tanks attempted to take the enemy in the rear, they were confronted by formidable. 88 millimetre guns to which we possessed no counterpart."

Another difficuly, the General the Middle East.

#### Japanese Menace

and detailed appreciation of the situa- has fought intermittently since the tion," he wrote. "In discussing pos- founding of the Chinese Republic in can position in the light of Soviet on Danish butter prices has sible Japanese plans, an attempt to 1912. caused a postponement of the invade Ceylon was not ruled out, plenary meeting of Danish and although it seemed more likely that that the United States representa- British delgations which British their success in Malaya and Burma northeast.

"For the time being, we were in A Danish spokesman said today: no position to offer effective

"Should the Japanese press boldly westward without pause for con-Danish agricultural produce, of Bri- line would be threatened. The tish exports, the convertibility of Middle East and India were there- tic comrades in the Kuomintang, to R. Sparrow, in three minutes 34 sterling into dollars and the dura- fore interdependent."

Today's expected meeting of the of this "gloomy" picture he decided peace and democracy in China."- seconds third, Miss E. Angus, of joint financial sub-committee has to give up plans for an offensive in United Press.

#### Turks' Position

At the same time, General Auchinleck said, he ordered "fresh positions stores, motor vehicles and raw

"The Turks, for their part, though obviously anxious to accept our aid and to see our cause successful. action which might cause Germany made it most difficult to make really Indian Moslems by the constitution. effective preparations to assist them." The preparation of defences and communications in Iraq and Syria

#### continued throughout May. **Expected Offensive**

"At the end of May the German imminent. Simultaneously Rommel launched an attack in

Cyrenalca" he said. The enemy attacked Tobruk on still unobtainable."

enemy's drive on Egypt and laid the foundations on which to build our future counter-stroke."-- Associated Press.

#### Burma's Bumper Rice Crop

Rangoon, Jan. 14.-Burma has a bumper rice crop this year, it was officially stated here today. The new crop harvest; now almost estimates, an Agricultural Depart- Pakistan and exported

He described the present yield as The Government, he udded, was 1,500,000 tons during 1948.—Reuter. Reuter.



"A quarter of a pound of lunch sausage, and would you wrap these packages with it."

## American Wins Figure Skating Championship

Prague, Jan. 14.—Richard Button. of the United States, tonight carried off the European figure skating championship when he beat the holder and world champion, Hans Gerschwiler, of Switzerland, after a great struggle.

# COMPLETELY WITH CHIANG

New York, Jan. 14.-General Feng Yu-hsiang today defied the Chinese Government order recalling him to China and announced his allegiance to all forces seeking the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek.

Gen Feng declared at a press conference that he would embark on a speaking tour all over the both the team race and the men's said, was the war in the Far East, United States in an attempt to downhill in the first "Flatlanders" which "gravely affected our plans in muster support for opposition to aid ski races ever held when the event, for China.

He thus terminated his latest association with Chiang Kai-shek, "On April 23 we received a long with whom and against whom he

conservation projects. He had been minutes 28/4 seconds. chairman of this Commission since September 14, 1940.

plodge, together, with my democra- seconds, won this event, with Miss fight for the overthrow of Chiang's seconds second, Mrs. Greeland, of The General said that as a result dictatorship and the realisation of Britain, in three minutes 50.6

# To Persia

Teheran, Jan. 14.—The Indian Embassy here has issued to be fortified in Northern Palestine 1,000-word statement complainand along the Jordan" and urged that | ing that certain Persian newsevery effort should be made to send papers have been publishing the Turks small arms, engineering false reports "to prejudice goal at half time. materials for their munition factories. public opinion against India" and to strain relations against India and Persia

Declaring that India desired friend- Houliston scored his second goal ship with Persia, the statement said and Duncanson put in the third two to question their neutrality, and this religious freedom was guaranteed to minutes from time.—Reuter.

> India's population of 300,000,000 included 35,000,000 Moslems and Swedish lawn tennis player, 6.30, Studio: La Demi-Heure Francaise: 100,000 Persian subjects, all of whom, Lennart Bergelin, who sustained a 7, London Relay: World and Home without discrimination, were protectallight sprain yesterday, is now ted by the Indian Government.

"Disorders and communal riots." the statement alleged, "are the result today's exhibition games were of the efforts of Mr. Jinnah and the cancelled. Moslem League aimed at the creation of Pakisian, who by propaganda, by for Baugalore by train tonight, Oblitas: 9.25, Studio: Plano Recital by including the appointment of instigating the Moslems and by Bergelin said that he was feeling Clara Stansfeld: 9.45, "We Sing For You" including the incidental or conswaying British opinion divided better and hoped to keep all his en- Ninon Vallin and Tino Post; 10. London Officers, as are incidental or con-India, and they unfortunately per- gagements. sist in their aim."

June 20 and tanks "reached the the Persians would react if similar harbour the same evening," the tactics were used to divide Persia General said, adding that "exact and on the pretext of the existence of reliable accounts of the fighting are different religious in the country. proceeded to list "atrocities against London, Jan. 14.-King George The battle of Egypt developed the Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan."

#### India Increases Tax. On Tea

New Delhi, Jan. 14.—The Government of India today announced the raising by about, sixpence sterling per 100 pounds, the weight of tax on ten export from India and Pakistan.

The announcement in the India Gazette said that one rupee six nnns (two shillings sterling) per 100 pounds weight would be levied This compulsory tax on tea ex-

ports had stood at one rupee since April /1946. Caylon yesterday rejected a more than the 1947 contract price.

There were nine competitors and the final order of yesternight's free skating was:

1st: Richard Button (U.S.) . 11 pacements, 187.00 points. 2nd: Hans Gerschwiler (Switzerland) 18 placements, 184.42 points. 3rd: Hada (Austria) 20 placements, 181.4 points.

4th: E. Riraly (Hungary), 26 placements, 176.88 points. 5th: J. Lettencarver (U.S.) 30 placements, 174.02 points. 6th: C. Fikar (Czechoslovakia) 4 placements, 167.35 points. 7th: L. Cap (Czechoslovakia).

8th: H. Pibt (Austria).

9th: J. Dedie (Czechoslovakia). Geneva Ski Races Geneva, Jan. 14.—Belgium won confined to non-mountainous countries, attracted entries from Belgium,

Britain, Holland and Denmark. The results were: Men's team: Belgium first, Britain second, Holland third and Den-

mark fourth. The Men's downhill 1-1/2 miles Gen. Feng simultaneously aban- with a 1,600 metres, drop was won by doned the commission to study water Phillippe D' Ursol, of Belgium, in two

Peter Waddell, of Britain, in two his arrival in the United States on minutes. 30.6 seconds, was second, with Michael Feron, of Belgium, in two minutes 31 second, third, Dennis He declared: "Democratic groups Feron, of Belgium, in two minutes with the Kuomintang met in Hong- 35.2 seconds fourth, J. Palmer kong from January 1 to 3 and re- Tomkinson, of Britain, two minutes solved to form a revolutionary com- 39.4 seconds fifth, D. Garrow, of Britain, in three minutes 0.2 seconds

> Britain, in three minutes 56 seconds fourth, Miss Vanpract, of Holland, in four minutes 26.4 seconds fifth and Miss Van Pallandt, of Holland, in five minutes 1.8 seconds sixth.-Reuter.

#### Scotland Wins

Glasgow, Jan. 14 .- Forty-thousand speciators saw Scotland beat Ireland by three goals to nil in the International Inter-League Match at Celtic Park this afternoon.

Scotland led in 28 minutes when Houliston headed home from a cor ner kick, and Scotland led by this

The crowd increased by 10,000 for the second half when Ireland had plenty of the play without being able to break Scotland's, defence. Seven minutes from the end,

#### Tennist Indisposed Jan. 14. - The Trichinopoly,

suffering from dysentery. As a result of this indisposition,

Before leaving with Johannsson

He promised to visit Trichinopoly The statement, after asking how again on January 22.-Reuter.

# TO DEATH

Sardinia against Russia.

## Impasse In French National Assembly

Paris; Jan. 14.—The French National Assembly tonight officially began its 1948 session without the Communists after wrangling over its Parliamentary leadership for nearly 24 hours. But the constitutional deadlock, caused by the Communists' refusal to accept the nominations on who should preside over the Assembly, had been only temporarily settled, observers thought tonight.

## ESSENTIALS TO ITALY'S RECOVERY

Washington, Jan. 14.—The absorption by other countries of Italy's excess manpower was essential to the country's stable economy, a State Department report giving additional data on the Marshall Plan declared to-

that Italy was unlikely to regain either her 1939 favourable balance

The report claimed that the Assembly, in the chair, strengthening of moderate political . He at once read the list of new forces recently was owing "to grow- members of the Bureau of the Asing popular discontent with frequent sembly, and said: "I hereby declare munists as well as series of un- Bureau is constitude." friendly acts on the part of Soviet He then closed the session.

of the moderate Italian Government since the minutes of yesterday's will depend on the improvement in proceedings were not adopted by Italy's critical economic situation." the Chamber today. It summed up Italy's serious The Communists maintain that economic difficulties as "steadily until the minutes have been apincreasing population, seriously proved, the election of M. Edouard inadequate food supplies, severe in- Herriot as the permanent head of flation and extensive unemployment." the Assembly is not legal. It called for a simplified tax The minutes, which were restructure in Italy, but added: "The jected today by the anti-Communist full success in stopping the wage- majority, must come up again for price spiral can be achieved only approval or amendment tomorrow. when an increased and regular Reuter. supply of consumer goods makes it possible for the average Italian to meet essential needs with his current income."-Reuter.

#### OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 Closing Times By Air Bangkok, Singapore, Baiavia, Colembo, Sydney and Auckland, Reg., 3 p.m. Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiplog, Reg., 3 p.m. Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow,

Reg., 3 p.m. Kweilin, Reg., 3 p.m. Closing Times By Sea & Train Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 p.m. Swatow (Sea) 2 p.m. Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m. Manila, P.I. (Sea) 3 p.m.

Straits and Calcutta (Sea) 3 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m. Kongmoon (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
Closing Times By Air Shanghai, Reg., 9 a.m. Amoy, Reg., 9 a.m.,
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcuita, Karachi,
Bahrein, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg &

Marscilles via Cairo) Augusta & London, Kowloon CPO, Reg. 2.30 p.m., GPO Snigon and Paris, Reg., 3 p,m. Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Pelping, Reg., 3 p.m. Swatow, Canton and Chungking, Reg.,

Closing Times By Sea & Train Canton (Train) 7 a.m. Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m. U.S.A., Canada, Centrul and America via San Francisco (No Parcela for Canada) (Bea) 930 a.m.

Sandakan (Sea) 10 a.m. Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 pm. Swelow (Sea) 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 2.30 p.m. Shanghai (Bea) 3 p.m. Straits and Rangoon (Sea) 3 p.m. Amoy & Baigon (Sea) 3 p.m. Tsamkong (Sea) 3 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.

#### Kongmoon (Sea) 4 p.m. Canton (Sea) 5 p.m. ZBW BROADCAST

by Philip Burn and Lindsey Renton; News: 7.15, B.B.C. Transcription Service: with Tommy Handley: 7.43. Transcription Service: "Picture Parado": 8.15, Orquesta Tipica Roberto News; 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, Studio: Broadcasting, Sym. Orch.: 10.30, Tunes of resume its functions. Not-So-Long-Ago (For Dancing); Close Down.

#### BBC PROGRAMME

Transmissions in the BBC General

Overseas Service which may be heard in Hongkong this evening. GMT 10.00, Introduction to Philosophy. Tonbridge, Jan. 14.—Firemen Jond will analyse, in everyday language, searching debris of a house badly the elements of philosophy. His first damaged by fire in Cornwallis subject is: "What Philosophy is About"; Gardens, Tonbridge, found the body of Mrs Angell, the wife of a member of the Torbridge Treban Tolk ber of the Tonbridge Urban Dis- news from Britain; 11.15 Jazz Club; Radio newaroel; 14.16.—Programme and Thursday, January 22, 1948, at nouncements; 14.20.—Interlude; 14.30.— Thursday, January 22, 1948, at Come to the prome Recording from 5.30 p.m. to discuss the question last night's Henry Wood Promenade Concert (Winter Series) from the Royal of Reorganising the Association Albert Hell, London. BBC Symphony Orchestra Conductor: Bir Adrian Bouit. Answers

Answers

1. Forked, sheet and ball. 2. A level plain covered with grass. 3. In Tibet. 4. By human porters. 5. The skin of a nectarine is smooth 6. Turkey, France, Great Britain and Sandan Violinist; Tool-Big Hen. Region Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkons. newsreal: 17.15,-Close down.

The impasse began when M. Marcel Cachin, presiding over yesterday's first session of the year as "father" of the house. refused to accept the list of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries presented by the leaders of the various Parliamentary groups. He adjourned the House tonight after the Communist objections had

been overruled.

The non-Communists wanted Communist leader. M. Jocques Duclos, third on the list of Vice-Presidents instead of first, a position to which it is claimed he is entitled because the Communists are the largest single party in the Assem-

Shortly after M. Cachin had of payments position or her prewar adjourned the House tonight the food consumption levels until some committee reassembled without the time after the European recovery Communists and with M. Maurice programme had been cancelled. Violette, second oldest deputy in the

day's compulsory figures and to- disturbances fomented by Com- that the 1948 National 'Assembly The Assembly will reconvene to-The report stressed, however, that morrow when, according to obthe "stability and continued existence servers, further trouble is expected,

## Nazi Plots In Austria

Holmer Helmar, the Austrian' Minister of the Interior, today gave Parliament a full report of the discovery of the Nazi plots which led to the arrest of more than 200 people. Helmer said that during the years

of their internment, former Nazi leaders had renewed their power over the younger and more innocent men and had formed an organisation: to carry on the Nazi idea. He described one organisation, which, he said, had obtained its

finances from blackmarket activities was camouflaged as trading and other associations and was creating a "Neo-Nazi Order to carry on the Nazi idea." carried on by only a handful of

Franz Monner, the Communist deputy and former Minister of the Interior, made a violent attack on the present Austrian Coalition, Government which he accused of tolerating and ever encouraging Neo-

Nazi organisations. He demanded a thorough purge of the leadership of the People's Party. Japan (Ordinary letters & cards only) which, he suid, was "riddled with Fascist influenced men".-Reuter.

### NOTICE

REMINDER Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

NOTICE is hereby given that a. Public Meeting will be hold at-TI'E JACOBEAN ROOM, OF

THE HONGKONG HOTEL. on Thursday, the 15th January 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

The Honourable Mr A. Morse: Firpo; 8.30, B.B.C. Transcription Service: will preside, and the object of. Music in Miniature: 9. London Relay: the Meeting is to revive the above. Book Review Presented by Reinaldo Society and to do all such things, "Orpheus" Symphonia Poem. Columbia ducive to enabling the Society, to F. H. LOSEBY.

Hon. Sec .-- Pro. Tent. Bank of Canton Building, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, 3rd. floor.

#### HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

All mombers are earnestly: requested to attend.

Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkoon.